

ST. JAMES CHURCH

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*St. James Church is staffed by
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December 11, 2022

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Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (*Emergencies anytime*)

MASSES

Saturday Vigil ----- 4:30 pm

Sunday ----- 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekdays ----- 9:00 am

Holy Days ----- 7:00, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

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BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Please call the Rectory to register for the Preparatory Class & Baptism. Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of every month at 12:00 noon. Registration forms available on website.

WEDDING

Call the Rectory at least six months prior to your wedding date. If not confirmed, one year.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm in the church, or by appointment.

HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS

Please notify the priests of family illnesses.

Daydreams of Pastor A Call to Vocation by Fr. John Welch.

A Grace-filled call – yes, I answered. It all began with a bike ride. Being a student at St. John's School in Clinton, MA. I was asked to serve Mass at the church. One morning when it was my turn to serve Mass, I got on my bike to ride to St. John's Church for the 7:30 Mass. When I arrived, and got off the bike something didn't seem right. As soon as I knelt down to check the bike, a car drove in and a priest stepped out. It was Fr. Preston. He greeted me and as he knelt down to see what was wrong, in a few minutes he somehow fixed the problem. On the way home, I had this feeling that I had before. Meeting Fr. Preston triggered something inside of me. I had the same feeling about being a priest.

When it came time to go to high school, I began classes at Clinton High School. When Thanksgiving came, Jim Weeks from Clinton came to see me and asked me to join him at La Salette Seminary in Hartford, CT. He arranged for the vocation director to come to my house. Fr. Crane came to talk to me and I was on my way to the Seminary. From there, I never looked back.

I went to college, then on to Bloomfield for my Noviciate and spent a year on a farm, and behold before I knew it, I was making my temporary vows and onto Ipswich where I was ordained to the priesthood, May 28, 1960.

From there it was quite a journey. In the Shrine ministry there was a lot of preaching which I loved. There was also the Parish ministry and a great variety of ministries I was involved with.

One day while I was stationed at St. James, Danielson, CT., Fr. Joe Whalen was doing Healing Ministry and asked me to join him to preach and hear confessions and he would do the healing. I said yes, I would love it and we then went all around the country to parishes, Shrines and weekend conferences. I loved the Ministry, preaching and reconciliations, our Charism.

I was so happy to be a priest and still am. I continue to do some bible ministry even though I am 90 years old. What a journey it has been for me – a priest of Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord for this wonderful gift you gave to me – The Priesthood. All because of a bike ride.

Fr. John Welch



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH VIGIL MASSES,

4:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

5:15PM – FR. JOHN HIGGINS

10:00PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

7AM – FR. JOHN HIGGINS

9:00 – FR. ROY PARAYIL

11:00 – FR. JOHN WELCH

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE 2023

SATURDAY VIGIL, DECEMBER 31ST

4:30PM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

7:00AM – FR. ROY PARAYIL

9:00AM – FR. JOHN WELCH

11:00AM – FR. JOHN HIGGINS

PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday – Devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague
Every Wednesday at 8:30AM.
Wednesday – Bingo in the Church Hall at 7PM.
Men’s Bible Study – The Fourth Tuesday, of every
Month at 7PM in the Church Hall.
Holy Hour – Every Third Monday of the Month.

THE MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER
19TH IS CANCELLED.
OUR NEXT HOLY HOUR WILL BE MONDAY, JANUARY 15,
2023, 7PM - 8PM WITH ROSARY AT 6:40PM. In Eucharistic
 Adoration, Jesus freely gives us the graces we need in our
 lives. The graces we need for our vocations, jobs, special
 intentions, for the sick, for our church and school, for Catholics
 to return to the Faith.

AN INVITATION TO ALL... who would like to join the
 Catholic Church or to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation
 or Holy Communion as an Adult or a teenager ages 15 to 17.
 Contact Bev Richardson, DRE @ 860.792.8054.
THE VIGIL LIGHTS... are burning brightly in prayer
 for the St. James Construction Firm.

MARIAN SHRINE FLOWERS... This week’s flower
 arrangement is open to volunteers. Next week’s
 flower arrangement will be donated in memory of
 Jeannette Auger by the Veilleux family.

WEEKLY OFFERING..... 11/27/22.....\$5,820.00
 12/18 - Friends of La Salette

SIGN-UP- SHEET FOR WEEK OF PRAYER AT HOME

The sign-up sheet for a week of prayer at home for
vocations is at the main entrance of the church.
We humbly request all families to pray for vocations. Set
aside a few minutes praying for vocations and inspiring
our children at home. Please sign-up for a week of prayer.
Those who sign up for the weekly prayer will dedicate
themselves by praying the Rosary and Vocation Prayer
from Sunday through Saturday. Let us continue to pray for
an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious
life.
PRAYER AT HOME; This week’s Prayer will be offered by
 Sarah, Dane, Max & Dana Normandie.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS...Loving and generous
 God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow
 You. Help us to grow in the love and service of our
 Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy
 and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us
 faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ’s mission of
 love and justice. Bless St. James parish by raising up
 dedicated and generous leaders from our families and
 friends who will serve Your people as Priests, Deacons,
 Brothers, Sisters and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to
 Know you better and open our hearts to listen to Your
 call. We ask this through Christ our Lord... Amen. Our
 Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners, pray without
 ceasing for us who have recourse to You.

Schedule for December 17 & 18		
	4:30PM	7:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. Roy Parayil	Fr. Roy Parayil
	9:00AM	11:00AM
Celebrant:	Fr. John Welch	Fr. Roy Parayil

MASSES

MONDAY, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
 9:00AM Departed Souls of the Adoration Sisters
 9:00AM Daniel Ferron...by his wife, Pam
TUESDAY, December 13, Virgin and Martyr,
 9:00AM Michael & Christine Guari...by family
 9:00AM Rene & Dot Beausoleil
WEDNESDAY, December 14, Saint John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church,
 9:00AM Robert Gerardi...1st Anniversary...by family
 9:00AM Raymund Miller...by Pamela Ferland
THURSDAY, December 15,
 7:00AM Gerald Archambault...by family
 9:00AM Rita Le Beau...love, Rita & John
FRIDAY, December 16,
 9:00AM Dorothy Burke...Birthday...by John E. Burke Jr.
 9:00AM Repose of the Soul of Rev. John O'Neill...
 by Daughters of the Holy Spirit, Dayville
SATURDAY, December 17,
 4:30PM John Gallow...by his wife, Rita
 4:30PM Tom Titchen ... 21st Anniversary and
 Dora Titchen...2nd Anniversary...by Linda & Pat Integlia
SUNDAY, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent
 7:00AM Gerry Grenon...by family
 7:00AM Roger & Jacqueline Caron...by Pauline
 9:00AM Alphonse & Lillian Bisson...by estate
 9:00AM Melvin Davis...by Small Christian Community
 11:00AM Ted Darcy...by family
 11:00AM Ben Hagan...by the Welshman family

LASALLETTE MASSES

In memory of Frederick & Adelyn Bodenschatz
 In memory of David & Sophie Horvat... son, Joseph
 In memory of Thomas Donlon...by wife, Georgette

2023 Masses Available
4:30PM... 1/28; 3/11; 3/25; 4/22; 4/29; 5/20; 6/3; 6/10;
6/17; 7/8; 7/15; 7/22; 7/29.
7AM... 1/08; 1/15; 1/22; 1/29; 2/05; 2/12; 2/19; 2/26; 3/05;
3/12; 3/26; 4/02; 4/09; 4/16; 4/23; 4/30.
9AM... 1/22; 1/29; 2/12; 2/19; 2/26; 3/05; 3/12; 3/19; 3/26
11AM... 1/15; 1/22; 1/29; 2/5; 2/26; 3/5; 3/12; 3/19; 3/26;
4/2; 4/16; 4/23; 4/30. Please place Mass Intention in the
collection basket. Please include a phone number.
Mass stipends are 10.00

Mass Intentions...**We are now booking Mass**
Intentions for 2023. If you wish to schedule a Mass.
 Please write out all the names of your loved ones and put
 these names and your **phone number**, with a check in an
 envelope and place it in the collection basket. We will do
 our best to accommodate your wishes.

We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for doing
Fall-Cleanup of the Church grounds.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by The power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

MEMORARE TO OUR LADY OF LASALETTE

REMEMBER OUR LADY OF LASALETTE...true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for us on Calvary. Remember also the care you have taken to keep us faithful to Christ, your son. Having done so much for your children, you will not now abandon us. Comforted by this consoling thought, we come to you pleading, despite our infidelities and ingratitude.

VIRGIN OF RECONCILIATION...do not reject our prayers but intercede for us, obtain for us, the grace to love Jesus above all else. May we console you by living a holy life and so come to share the eternal life Christ gained by his Cross. Amen.

OUR LADY OF LASALETTE... Reconciler of sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.

POURINGS AND PASSAGES BOOKSTORE... A used book store and coffeehouse is now open at 103 Main Street, Danielson, CT. Hours of operation are Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10AM to 5PM. The store is closed Sunday to Tuesday, holidays and snowy days. Please patronize, promote and support our bookstore. Net profits benefit St. James School. For more info, please call 860-774-1712, (Wednesdays to Saturdays) or leave a message. God bless you all! Jim

SOS...SAVE OUR SCHOOL

St. James School wishes to thank the following for their generous donations to the St. James School Tuition Assistance Scholarship fund. A donation to St. James Assistance Scholarship fund was made by Jenna LaFleur.

Gerald & Kathleen Chester, Mary Jane LeBlanc, Marguerite Grenier, Vance & Joan Carter, Gari & Colleen Depasse & Anne Desabota, Alice Sears in memory of Papa John, Diane Bates, Lorraine Balick, Steven Balick, Louise and Donald Costello, Georgette Donlon, Paul Grenon & Barbara Carter, Regina Morgan, Dave & Joy Chartier, and Margaret Weaver, Cheryl & Richard Veilleux, Richard & Claire Minio, Rosanna Deaume, Wayne & Ann-Marie Terwilliger, Louis & Sandra Lepine, in memory of Fr. John O'Neill.

We ask you to consider making a voluntary donation on the occasion of a death of a loved one (in lieu of flowers) or on the occasion of a happy event; e.g. wedding or anniversary (in lieu of flowers). "Save Our School", envelopes are at the entrances to the church.

PLANNING A WEDDING... Arrangements for your marriage should be made with the Church first, as this is the most important part of your wedding day. To secure your wedding date with the church you must first have the initial interview with one of the priests and also have paid the church deposit

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EXPERIENCE ST. JAMES SCHOOL – 860.774.3281

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO.....Every Wednesday night in the church hall. Over **\$2,000.00** is given away each week. Plus there are 2 progressive games. Come try your luck! Game sales start at 6PM. All profits benefit St. James School. **Bingo workers are also needed. Please call Bob Codding @ (860) 481-9167.**

2023 Calendars...Pick up your St. James 2023 Calendar. Please take one home. They can be found at the entrances to the Church. **Sincere thanks to Steve Farner, owner of the Gagnon-Costello and the Smith & Walker Funeral Homes.**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Monday, December 12, 2022. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you. For more information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry, tel: 860-456-3349.

PLEASE NOTE...The rectory office is closed on Monday. Office hours are 8:30AM to 3:30PM Tuesday thru Friday. Emergencies any time.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Christmas and Year End Giving is not only a Catholic tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift, God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Christmas of course, celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year.

But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and years end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas and years end. A Catholic Gift of Faith.

An Investment in Your Parish

For many years, our Catholic parishes have benefitted from the enormous contributions and dedication of religious men and women (priests, brothers and sisters) who have given their entire lives in the service to parishes, schools, dioceses and many other Church ministries. Now, our Catholic Church and educational ministries are even broader and serve more people than ever before despite the decline in the numbers of religious. Many dedicated lay people now staff these programs and must be compensated with just and living wages. Your Christmas and year end gift is an investment in these quality programs.

Many people enjoy using Christmas and years end as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions. Christmas and year end giving provides many advantages to you, the donor. Many feel St. James is their favorite school. The knowledge that your gift is assisting a favorite Catholic institution, (St. James) and advancing the mission of the Catholic Church here on earth. Celebrate the joy of Christmas by giving in the true spirit of the season. A last reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you've wanted to make during the year. Most importantly, make a return to God of your blessings at Christmas and assist St. James to attain its spiritual and programmatic goals; serving God's people and His Church here on earth.

Year - End Giving

Thanks for all you do. Every organization has a program called Year End Giving. Most parishes follow this lead. Here at St. James, many people and corporations send us a Christmas Gift. For the past 20 years people have asked us to send them a reminder to remember St. James at Christmas. This year we will be using our bulletin space to say thanks and recommend the following. We will have a second collection at the Christmas Masses. We have the largest attendance of the year and it will help our debt. Some former parishioners continue to remember St. James Parish and St. James School. We could use the extra help at Christmas. We will remember (your loved ones in a Christmas Novena of Masses. (From Christmas to the Epiphany).

Why do we need a year end collection? Each year, St. James School has been short \$75,000.00. This collection will help us break even. For parishioners who contribute every week, this note is just for your information. But there will be a voluntary collection and it will take place on Christmas, a Day of Gifts. It will be the second collection. You may use the Year-End envelopes found at each entrance to the church. Thanks again.

Enclosed is My Year End Donation to St. James

NAME _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

IN MEMORY OF _____ AND _____

2023 S.J.S.A. THOUSAND CLUB

SIGN-UP TODAY FOR THE 2023 CLUB. We appreciate your support. All proceeds benefit St. James School.

Please sponsor new members so we can fill the club. Dues are only \$60.00 per year or \$5.00 per month.

MONTHLY AWARDS: \$2,000 in awards are given away each month...20 awards monthly, 240+ chances to win.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please inform Kathy Hall (860)774-7635 of any address changes. Kathy is the "keeper of the records".

OUR NEXT DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th AT 8:30AM IN THE CHURCH HALL.

PLEASE SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER SO WE CAN FILL THE CLUB.

If you have any questions concerning dues etc. Please call Kathy Hall (860) 774-7635.

S.J.S.A. 2023 THOUSAND CLUB REGISTRATION FORM FOR NEW CLUB

Your choice of number if available _____ (no guarantees)

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

Please Print **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A SPONSOR TO JOIN THE CLUB**

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